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REPORT NO.

TOPIC Oranienburg Airfield

EVALUATION see below

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REMARKS

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1. The acceptance of the runway at Oranienburg airfield by the Soviets, which was fixed for 15 September 1953, did not occur up to 25 September, but, [] was to take place in the near future. In mid-September, about 260 men were employed at the construction site, but only about 175 men were actually working while the others were either ill or on leave. In late September, large scale grading work was being done, with 7 small caterpillar tractors and 1 large caterpillar tractor being utilized. 1
2. The first fuel containers with an estimated capacity of 25,000 liters each arrived at the field in the second half of September. Construction work was under way on a transformer station just north of the exit at the Velten bridge and on a fuel test station, 8 meters square located between the hangar and the fuel dump. 1
3. In the Weisse Stadt settlement, 24 buildings and a fuel dump for motor vehicles were under construction. The vehicles parked in hangars Nos 25 and 26 were filled there. Quartering building No 3, which had previously been occupied by laborers of the Bauunion, was allegedly to quarter VP personnel in the near future. 3
4. Work was under way on strips, about 200 meters wide, on either side of the runway in the second half of September. About 50 soldiers with blue epaulets practiced firing at the field in mid-September.
5. The airfield was not yet occupied by an air unit up to 1 October. Work on the fuel dump continued. Around late September and on 1 October, 15 to 20 fuel containers, each 8 meters long, were observed there. 2 On 25 September, four track-laying vehicles were in operation on the landing field between the Annahof and the northern edge of the runway.

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6. On 17 September, construction workers excavated a ditch, about 30 cm deep, north of, and leading at a right angle to, the runway. On 22 September, two narrow ditches which had been filled were observed south of the runway; one ditch extended toward the Moorgraben and the other one westward toward the fence. At the end of the latter ditch some meters from the fence, a cable, about 4 cm in diameter, projected beyond the surface of the ground. 1
7. In the Weisse Stadt settlement, workers were erecting a board fence, about 2 meters high, in front of building No 35, on 25 September. 3
8. [] in Oranienburg, an air force unit arrived in the Weisse Stadt settlement on 21 September.
9. During the period from 19 to 30 September, 42 fuel containers, each about 5 meters long and 2.5 meters in diameter, arrived at the field for the fuel dump which was under construction. The containers were installed in groups of five spaced closely along concrete walls which were about 2 meters high. They still projected beyond these walls. Construction work was being done on a laboratory, about 8 x 10 meters large, located 40 to 50 meters southwest of the fuel dump, and on a transformer house, 4.5 meters square, between the Oranienburg canal and the Birkenallee, about 20 meters west of the canal, and 6 to 8 meters north of the fence. 2
10. Oranienburg airfield was finally turned over by the Bauunion Leipzig to the Soviets on 29 September. At the acceptance, Lieutenant Colonel Romanenkov (fnu) replaced the leading engineer of the construction staff from Schorfheide airfield. Air Force Major Nadinski (fnu) was attached to Romanenkov by the kech office.
11. Two new temporary buildings, each about 20 x 5 meters, north of the laboratory, which had previously been used as storage sheds for material allegedly were to be glazed and subsequently turned over to the administration at the field. [] 25X1A
12. The airfield was turned over to the Soviets by the Bauunion on 29 September. 1
13. On 22 September, six large fuel containers were observed at the field next to the spur track.
14. Prior to 30 September, a total of 33 fuel containers, each with a capacity of about 25,000 liters, had arrived at the field. The installation of the containers was started. 2
During the second half of September, grading work was under way on the sections north and south of the runway and grass was being moved on either side of the runway. 1
- 25X1A 1. [] Comment. Oranienburg airfield was turned over by the Bauunion Leipzig to the Soviets whose representative was Lieutenant Colonel Romanenkov, chief 25X1 of the Soviet construction staff. Major Nadinski is reported for the first time.
- 25X1A 2. [] Comment. For location of fuel dump, see sketch attached to []
The total capacity of the fuel dump will amount to 1,000 cubic meters.
- 25X1A 3. [] Comment. The buildings mentioned are keyed to a sketch of the Weisse Stadt settlement. For sketch, [] 25X1A

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